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A New System OF THE GOUT AND RHEUMATISM.

Drawn from Reason, Anatomical Observations,
and Experience.

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The PREFACE.

That I may not amuse my Reader with fruitless Speculations in the Air about the Various Names, Definitions, Divisions, &c. of the GOUT & Rheumatism (Diseases not only very common, but whose Cure has been experienced as Difficult, as their Cause and Origin is found to be Intricate: & therefore frequently stiled even the Opprobrium Medicorum) I'll endeavour to propose nothing as to giving Ease in them that is not grounded upon Reason and a long experience, keeping (as much as is possible in so Intricate a Disease especially as the GOUT is) within the limits of our Sences; (the most satisfactory Method of explicating any Distemper that can be desired;) and propose nothing concerning the Origin, Cause, Nature, Symptoms, &c. of this Disease, but what shall be drawn as well from the Principles of Anatomy, and the most accurate Observations of the best Practical Physicians who have writ on this Subject, viz. Dr. Sydenham, Willis, Havers, Mulgrave, &c. as Reason. Since to make truth Palatable, it ought to be entirely squared by it. This System being built upon Reason, and Experience, and not Conjecture and Speculation. So that according to the Principles here established namely the Cause, Nature, Origin, Symptoms and Effects of the Gout and Rheumatism will be plainly explicated; but also clearly proposed it's most Rational Method of Cure: of all which the World has hitherto been very much in the Dark, purely for want of a sufficient knowledge of those Mucilaginous Glands, & the Liquor they contain, which hereafter I shall frequently make mention of, they having been but of late Years discovered. For which Reason as Dr. Keil says, Many Phenomena of the Animal Body (of which the GOUT is one) which past Ages thought inexplicable, are now become the Subjects of Geometrical Demonstration. He that Understands best a Distemper (says Hippocrates) is the most likely Person to Cure it.

In order therefore to explicate more clearly the immediate Origin & Cause of the GOUT & Rheumatism, I'm necessarily take notice of some few Observations from the Anatomy of those Parts which commonly these Distempers affect for Example: 1^{ly}, Their Structure. 2^{ly}, What Humors are naturally separated and lodged in those Parts. 3^{ly}, What Alterations those Humors are subject to and capable of. And lastly, What Effects those Alterations are likely to produce in a Human Body. In the manner following.



CHAP. I. *Some few Modern Observations from Anatomy, necessary to be premised to a true understanding of the Cause and Origin of The GOUT and RHEUMATISM.*

1st. **T**HE Joints of a Human Body being Parts peculiarly destin'd to MOTION, by consequence are fram'd and compos'd by Nature in a manner the most commodious and conducive to this end. For which reason—All Motion being performed by means of the Articulation or Conjunction of the Extremities of 2 Bones that compose every Joint: It is manifest in Anatomy that this Articulation is all covered with certain Membranes or thickish Skins, which serve as Ligaments to Wrap up, and hold together the Ends of these 2 Bones. Now these Membranes that thus cover, and hold together our Joints every where abound with a vast Number of certain small Glandules, which are a sort of little Soft, Spungy Porous Bags, whose use is to Separate & Secerne by their Spungyness and Porosity out of that Portion of the Mass of Blood, that Circulates thro' them a certain slimy Mucilaginous Liquor, Moisture, or Jelly, of an Unctious Oily Nature, much like to the White of an Egg, or rather to that Liquor or Moisture which we see run out of Calves Feet when they are Cut just after they are killed, and which the Anatomists call the *Synovia*: and this too in such a large quantity that these Glandules, or little Bags are always full of it. The Truth of which will be manifest to any Person, who will but get the Foot (for Example) of a Calf or Sheep just killed at any Butchers: And Cut it whilst it is warm, at the Joint a little above the Hoof: Where presently will appear visible to the Eye, this slimy Moisture or Liquor now mentioned: And which is just of the same Nature with that contained in our Joints. Hence it is, that of all Parts, none afford so much Oil & Jelly as the Joints. Witness the Quantities of Oil drawn from Neat's Feet, Trotters, &c. And when Persons have a mind to have strong *Broth* like a Jelly, they buy Calves Feet, or a Knuckle of Veal for it, preferable to any other Part: Because all Joints vastly abounding with these Glands, and the Oily Liquor or Mucilage they contain, by consequence afford a greater Quantity of Oil and Jelly, than other Parts.

2^{dly}, These Glandules or little Bags continually thus Separating and receiving more or less of this slimy Mo-

sture from the Mass of *Blood*, are (as they receive it) continually also throwing it out into the Interstices of the Joints: I mean into the Pan or Cavity in which the Knuckle lies: It being manifest from Anatomy that these Glands are so admirably contrived, that every New Quantity they Separate & Receive of this Moisture from the *Blood*, Expells & thrusts out the Old, much in the same manner as *Clavus Clavo pellitur*. By which means the Joints are constantly furnished and supplied with it.

3^{dly}. The USE that Nature designs this slippery slimy Liquor for, is to Moisten & Lubricate the extremities of the 2 Bones where they are Articulated & meet together; in order that the Joint may be slippery, & the Part moved and managed as there shall be occasion with the greater facility. For altho the ends of the 2 Bones which compose every Joint are of themselves very Smooth, yet if they were DRY, they would not with that ease & readyness be guided by those commanding Muscles which move them. Just as the Wheels of a Jack or Clock, altho made exquisitely smooth, yet unless they are Oiled, will not move. As long therefore as this slimy Oily Moisture is thus produced & thrust out upon the extremities of the Bones, & continues in it's natural state of Slipperyness & Smoothness, all the Motions of the Muscles and Joints will naturally be performed with Readings and Ease.

And to make this Matter more clear, we may observe something of this kind in the Practice of every Car and Coachman, (as well as in the Movements of Jacks and Clocks just now mentioned) who in imitation of Nature, besinear with a certain smooth slippery Mixture of Grease and Tar the insides of the Naves of their Wheels, and the Extremities of the Axis upon which they move, without which the Rotation of one about the other would not be near so easy & swift. What therefore Grease is to the Wheels of a Coach or Cart; and Oil to the Movements of a Clock or Jack, The very same proportionably is the Moisture we now speak of, to the Joints in a Human Body: For as those Wheels will not go unless they are Greased & Oiled, so our Joints cannot move unless they are Suppled and Moistned.

These few Principles being thus Premised, the immediate Cause of GOUTS and RHEUMATISMS, may easily be accounted for, which before the Discovery

of these Glands, and the Slimy Liquor they contain, never have been satisfactorily explicated: nor indeed could they ever well be, without these Nice Observations from Anatomy. For since according to the different qualities of this Moisture or Slimy Liquor, it has different effects upon the Parts, we'll first consider what Alterations this Moisture is subject to: And then what Effects those Alterations are likely to produce in a Human Body.

CHAP. II, *Of the true Cause and Origin of the GOUT and RHEUMATISM, in General,*

According to what has been hitherto established, the Motion of the Joints being more or less Easy, as the abovementioned Slimy Liquor, which lubricates & moistens them, is more or less slippery & smooth: by consequence if any Heterogeneous Matter or Accident happens (as for example, if any Acid sharp humor should be mixed with it) that in any wise Thickens, and Coagulates this Moisture, and thereby perverts its natural state of Slipperiness; the Motion will by consequence be more or less retarded & hindered, as this Moisture is more or less Thickned. Just as in the Wheels of a Jack or Clock, If the Oil which is designed to make them slippery, be grown thick, they will not move. So that if we do but consider the close Contiguity and Exactness, with which in every Articulation the Spherical Convexity of one Bone, is adapted to the Hollow Concavity of another, 'tis imposible that this slimy Moisture should be any ways Thickned, but it must obstruct and hinder the Motion of the Joint. This is also visible in the example above mentioned from Car and Coach-men, whose Wheels turn with a sensible heavyness and difficulty, if the Grease that lubricates them be grown any ways dry, thick & sily. And to shew that the mixture of a sharp Acid Liquor with this Moisture, Will thicken and curdle it, and thereby pervert its Natural state of Slipperiness, I'll propose one Experiment, which that Ingenious Anatomist Dr. *Havers*, made upon this slimy Liquor which he took out of the Joint of an Ox just killed: For having taken a quantity of it warm, as it flowed out of the Creature's Joint, he mixed some few drops of Vinegar with it, which in a little time made a considerable Coagulation of it with a Serum, just as Vinegar or Renner will thicken and curdle Milk: which Experiment evidently

shews, that by a mixture of an Acid sharp Humor with the abovementioned Moisture in our Joints, it will, from a slippery smooth Oily Mucilaginous Jelly, become a thick hard inspissated Curd; which according to our above-established Principles, must necessarily produce the several Symptoms and Effects of the GOUT and Rheumatism.

And that of all parts of the Body the Feet (& of them the Great Toes) are most afflicted with this Distemper, is the consequence of their being Inferiour and Pendulous parts: by which means their Situation concurs to the more plentiful Falling down of the morbidick Matter; which according to its greater or less degree of Acidity, causes a greater or less Coagulum in the Moisture of the Joint, and thereby renders the Fit of shorter or longer duration, and more or less difficult to be removed by Medicines: as hereafter will be shewed. And 'tis from these various degrees of Coagulation, as well as from the various Tempers and Habits of Body of different Persons, from either the *Hereditary* or *Acquired* State of this Distemper (the former of which is always most difficult to Cure) that proceed the several degrees and kinds of it, as Hot, Cold, &c. and the various effects of Remedies exhibited against it. The Feet therefore being most subject to, and by consequence most afflicted with this Distemper, gave occasion for the Word *Podagra* to be a general Name for the Gout. Chap. III. *How, according to these Principles, A FIT OF THE GOUT is immediately caused in Particular.*

ILL, Foul, Sharp Scorbntick Humors naturally breeding in the *Stomach* (from Indigestions, Crudities & Corruptions caused *There* by several Irregularities & Errors of Living, Eating, Drinking, &c.) easily associate & mix themselves with the Blood, *every where* dispersed and Circulating about. These Humors proceeding thus from Crudities & Corruptions, by consequence are all ACIDS.

Now the Particles of all *Acids* being *Long, Pungent, Sharp, Pointed, Two Edged, Three Edged, Rough, Ragged*, and in fine, of all manner of Churlish Shapes and Figures are entirely unfit to be mixt and associated with the Fine, Smooth, Balsamick Particles of the Blood, being altogether of a Contrary & Heterogeneous nature from them.

The Blood Circulating about the Body, with these Restless Uneasy Companions, I mean these Acid foul Humors mixed with it, renders Nature very Uneasy. Now Na-

ture always seeking the Ease and Repose of the whole Human Frame, being thus disturbed and uneasy, is entirely bent upon, and taken up in seeking a Remedy for this great Evil: Hence arises a Conflict betwixt *Nature*, & these Morbifick Acid Humors, thus disturbing her Ease & Repose.

Nature in this Conflict, as the Blood Circulates about the Body, loaded and burdned with this Acid Morbifick Humor, takes an occasion to Free and Depurate the Blood from it, when in its Circulation, it Passes by & thro' those Vessels whose Frame and Make render them most apt to receive it; and into THEM she throws it; and these are the Mucilaginous Glands so often abovementioned. The Reason of this is: Because these Glands serving as *Strainers* to the Blood, let's it's Balsamick, Globular, and Smooth Parts easily Glide and Circulate thro': but stops and Retains whatever Heterogeneous Rough Ragged and Long Particles are mixed with it; such as are the Particles of all Acids, which by reason of their Long, Rough, Ragged Figure and Shape, cannot slip thro', where the fine smooth Spherical Particles of the *Blood* will: Just as a fine SIEVE will let Water pass thro', but not *Settlings & Mud*.

The Acid Morbifick Humor therefore being thus thrown out upon, and received into these Glands, and again out of them discharged along with the slimy Moisture they contain, into the Interstices of the Joints, they there Thicken and Curdle it, as it would be altered if a little Vinegar were mixed with it, in the manner above described; and just as a little Vinegar or Rennet (both which are strong *Acids*) will Turn, Curdle, and Thicken Milk. And that this is really Matter of Fact, *viz.* that the Moisture in our Joints is thus Thickned in the Distempers we now treat of; several experiments confirm even to our Eye: for Example, if you lay but a Blister Plaister on a Gouty or Rheumatick Person, when you take it off, and the Blister is fully raised, there will appear under the *Cuticula* a tough Jelly like a thick Skin.—But there is one Example that still much more undeniably proves the truth of this System, which is contained in the Lectures of Dr. *Drelincourt* at *Leyden*, where he says, that he himself, in a Person that died of the GOUT, found a Jelly Stagnated and concreted all round the *Joints*, of the thickness of near a quarter of an Inch. And Dr. *Havers* mentions two other Persons, who had

large Gouty swellings, which he opened with a Caustick, from whence ran out several Ounces of a thickned Matter, plainly like Milk turned into a Posset, consisting of a great many pieces of Grayish Curd mixed with a Serum, which was lodged in the Interstices of the Joints, where the Moisture we now speak of is Separated and Deposited. These Observations clearly prove the Truth of our present System. And hence it proceeds, that some Fits of the *Gout* are less severe, and are taken off much sooner than others, according to the degree of Coagulation of this Moisture, proceeding from the greater or less degree of Acidity in the Humor: for always observe, that the stronger the Acid is, the stronger also will be the *Coagulum* caused by it: So *Kennet* being a stronger Acid than *Vinegar*, turns Milk into a much harder Curd.

Now this Acid Morbifick Humor being discharged by Nature, and extruded out of the Blood, not all on a sudden into these Glands, but by degrees, and as it were in a manner *Dripping* by DROPS out of the Blood as it Circulates and passes by and thro these Glands; gave origin to the Name of this Distemper, *viz.* the GOUT in *English*; and *la GOUTE* in *French*; from the *Latin* word GUTTA, *quasi ex Defluxu GUTTATim facto*, by reason of its Dripping by Drops on the part out of the Blood, as I have just now explicated. And 'tis in this Protrusion of the Morbifick Acid Matter out of the Blood into these Glands; & again out of *Them* into the Interstices of the Joints, and *There* thickning the slimy Moisture designed by Nature for their Slipperiness and Lubrication, that properly consists A FIT OF THE GOUT; especially when fixed on some particular part: But if this exclusion of Morbifick Matter out of the Blood be not determined to any one particular Part or Joint, but shifts and wanders about, 'tis then called the *Rheumatism*, from the *Greek* word *ῥεω Fluo*, because it wanders, shifts, and as it were *Flows* about the Body. So that the *Gout* & *Rheumatism* proceed both from the same Cause, & only differ as to the Part or Parts they affect: the *Rheumatism* being nothing else but a Wandring Unsettled Irregular *Gout*. When therefore any Person is said to be afflicted with the GOUT, the meaning (in a Word) is, that their Blood being foul & corrupted by sharp Acid Humors, frees & discharges it self of those ill Humors, by

letting them fall (*GUTTATim i, e.*) Drop by Drop out of the Mass as it circulates about the Body, into & upon the Mucilaginous Glands contained in the Membrane that surrounds the Articulation of some particular determinate Joint that is disordered: And again out of these Glands along with the Slimy Moisture they contain into the Interstice or Cavity of that Joint; where (by their Acidity) Coagulating & Thickening this Moisture, & thereby rendring it unfit to Lubricate & Moisten the Extremities of the 2 Bones of which the Joint is composed, it's Motion is by consequence hindred; & a Swelling & Inflammation with an acute Pain is caused in the manner I shall hereafter shew. Whence every Person afflicted with the Gout may understand wherein their Distemper consists, & what Method is the most rational for their Cure.

From this System, which supposes every Fit of the Gout to be from an exclusion of Morbifick Matter from the Mass of Blood, and its separation by the Mucilaginous Glands; plainly appears the truth of a Maxim amongst Physicians, That every Fit of the Gout is Nature's favour (tho' but a very rough sort of one) by being a preservative of Life: for by this means the Mass of Blood frees and disburthens it self from those ill Humors, which if retained, would be injurious to the Body, and cause several fatal Distempers. But as Nature can throw them no farther off then to the Extremities of the Joints, they having there no Vent, cause those disorders which persons afflicted with the Gout Daily experience, and which would be much more fatal, if Nature had not this ready and easy way to free the Blood of these noxious Humors: But I must also observe, that this Favour of Nature is (as I said just now) but a rough sort of one; it being certain, that one Days Pain weakens and hurts the Ligaments and Nerves of the Joints, and wears out the Body's Strength more, then several Days Ease will recover. Since therefore the Oily Slimy Moisture in our Joints may be thus altered and changed, by being deprived of its natural Smooth Slippery Consistence and Quality, as has been above explicated: it remains now to consider what Effects this Alteration and Change may have upon the Parts.

CHAP. IV. Of the Effects of the Gout and Rheumatism.

FROM what has been hitherto established, as to the Cause of Gouts and Rheumatisms, it will be no difficult

matter to account now for their common Symptoms and Effects; which are: *First*, An acute Pain. *Secondly*, A Tumor or Swelling, which does most commonly, tho' not constantly, attend the *Gout*. *Thirdly*, An Inability to Motion, usually accompanied with a *Fever* in the manner following.

First, As to the PAIN: The Particles of all ACIDS being Sharp and Pointed, as already has been said, by consequence whatever sensible parts they Touch & Press upon, must of necessity be affected with a very strong sensation of Pain, from the smart irritation of the Nerves, which by their Pungency they cause: just as a sharp pointed Pin, Needle, or Sword, will hurt and give a Wound, which a round blunt Stick will not. Now the Moisture in the Joints being replete with the Sharp Particles of that foul Acid Humor which the Blood in it's Circulation has left behind it, in the manner already described; the sensibility of the Fibres which encompass & surround the whole Articulation is so great, that a most exquisite sensation of Pain cannot but be felt, whenever these Sharp pointed Particles of the *Acid Humor* by their Pungency press upon, & irritate the Nerves & Fibres in & about the Joint. And in this consists the great racking Pains Persons in Fits of the *Gout* & *Rheumatism* undergo; just as if (to use the common expression of afflicted Patients) Dogs were gnawing them; and which Pain is always increased if the Person either Stir, or have any Weight of even Bed-cloths upon them; by reason of the Points of the Acid's being thereby the more press'd upon, moved & disturbed — And moreover, besides the sensation of Pain which thus arises merely from the *Quality* of the Matter; the Copious *Influx* also of it into the Parts affected, Stretching, and Distending the Fibres beyond their natural Tone and Size, does also affect them with a very great Dolorifick Sense: For by Bracing and Stretching them thus up, and making them Tense, it renders them more sensible of the Pain excited by the Pungency, Acidity, and Sharpness of the Humor; and which pain is always more or less violent, as the Quantity of the Acid, or the degree of its Acidity is greater or less.

2ly, As to the *Inflammation* and *Swelling*, We must observe: That as this Slimy Moisture so often mentioned is thrown out of the Glands into the Joints: So also is it by the Motion of the Joints (in healthy Persons) Dispersed, Evapo-

rated, Wasted and Destroyed. And proportionably as it is thus consumed, these Glands continually furnish a fresh supply again of it: For which Reason it happens in our abovementioned Examples of Coaches & Clocks, which have no such supply of Grease and Oil by Nature, that the more the Wheels are used, the sooner they want Greasing and Oiling. — Hence therefore it follows that as long as this Moisture in our Joints continues in it's natural Slippery state, & due Slimy consistence, it can never be *Wanting*, nor *Superabound*. — 1st. It can never be *Wanting*: Because as long as the *Body* is in Health, the Mucilaginous Glands Will Naturally Separate and Receive this Moisture from the *Blood*, as the Blood in its Circulation obtrudes it upon them, and by consequence will constantly supply the Joints with it. — 2^{ly}, It can never *Superabound*: Because according to what has been just now said, proportionably as it is produced, and thrown upon the Joints, so also is it by the *Motion* of Them Evaporated and Consumed: But in a Morbid State, when by a Foul Acid Humor, the Moisture in our Joints is rendred Thick and Glutinous, and thereby will not suffer the Joint to be Stirred, it is very reasonable to think, that where there is no Motion to Disperse, Evaporate, and Wear out this Moisture; greater Quantities of it must be produced then the affected Joint can well contain. And 'tis in this larger quantity of Moisture than the natural capacity of the Joint can well hold, which Distends the Part by its Influx, and thereby stretches the Fibres beyond their natural Tone & Size, that consists the *Swelling & Inflammation*.

Thirdly, The Motion of the Joints depending upon the Slipperiness of the Oily Liquor that Moistens them; by consequence if this be render'd Thick and Curdled, the Motion of the Joint cannot but be Hinder'd: For to preserve the Fibres Flexible and Tensile, it is necessary that they be Lubricated and Moistned: When therefore the Moisture is coagulated and thickned, it becomes entirely unfit to lubricate the Muscles and Tendons, or to moisten and preserve their Fibres so pliable and tensile as they ought to be, as has been fully shewed. From whence of necessity must follow an *Incapacity* of *Moving* or *Stiring* the Joint.

Lastly, A *Fever* being an inordinate and too great an effervescence & Motion of the Blood; by consequence if its

free and natural Circulation be obstructed & disturbed in **SOME** parts by the thickning & coagulating Acid Humors abovementioned, it will of necessity move Quicker in **OTHERS**: Just as a River that is divided into two Channels, if one of them be stopped up, the motion of the Water will be more Rapid in the other. Add to this also the great Conflict that Nature at this time is under, by labouring and endeavouring to discharge and throw off those Acid Humors out of the Blood, which more than ordinary moves, agitates and disturbs the Particles of it; From all which 'tis no wonder that a Fever is produced.

According to this System it evidently follows, which way the *Knots* or *Tophy* are generated in the more severe and lasting Fits of the Gout. For it is most certain that where the Coagulum is great and of a long continuance, and thereby the Joint has been a great while deprived of Motion, the indurated and hardened Moisture, in time (as it's Aqueous Particles are by Heat evaporated, and thereby it's Saline and Terrestrial Parts being more and more Condensed Concentrated and come nearer together, are concreted) will become a Chalky and Tophaceous Matter. And when the Gout is arrived to this degree the Ancients looked upon it past Cure, having eluded the Skill of the greatest Physicians according to that of *Ovid*. ---- *Tollere nodosam nescit Medicina Podagram*.

So that on account of this riveted Degree of it, the Great Emperor *Charles V.* was used to say, *That the best Remedies for the Gout were to WEEP and to SUFFER*.

But to wipe off, if possible, the Aspersions so commonly cast on the Science of Physick upon account of its generally believed incapacity of Copeing with this Distemper: I'll endeavour to let the World see, that as the Medical Art is no Stranger at all to the Origin and Nature of the Gout, so is it full as well acquainted with it's True and Most rational Method of Cure. For as from the foregoing Principles there has been no great Difficulty to Explicate it's Cause; so I hope to find as little in shewing the best Method and manner of removing it's Effects.

CHAP. V. Of the true method of Cure of the Gout and Rheumatism in General.

THE remote and General cause of these Distempers, consisting in the Blood's being vitiated by a mixture of foul sharp Acid Humors with it, which at certain times

Nature critically excludes and throws off upon the above-mentioned Moisture in the Joints, as sufficiently has already been shewed: The only true method of Cure in *General*, must consist in such Searching Alcalious Medicines, so loaded with Volatil deterging Particles, as are capable. — *First*, To join and unite themselves with the Mass of Blood: — Then to Dilute, Cleanse, and Rectify it, by Separating from it this foul Acid Humor, with which it is thus impregnated: According to that generally received Axiom in Physick, that *When the Humors do affect a Particular Part, the WHOLE of 'em must be corrected*: For which reason Dr. Sydenham (who had not only read, but also felt as much of the Gout, as any Man, having been afflicted with it himself above 30 Years) says that, *We must not attempt the Remedying of the Joints alone, without taking care of the WHOLE*: — Next to carry it off, and thereby free the Blood and Body from it. — And *Lastly*, To repair and strengthen the weakened and injured Joints, & restore them to their ancient Flexibility, Vigour & Strength. For unless due regard be had to this *General* intention of Cleansing the Blood (in Cases of the Gout) there never can be a perfect and solid Cure of it, but only a seeming & Paliative one, to wit, by only just mitigating the Torment of the present Fit, & not at all removing its Cause, to prevent (as much as may be) a *Future* Relapse, and thereby proves only seemingly *Curative* for the Present, but in no manner *Preventive* for the Future.

As therefore on the one side, unless a Remedy be endowed with these qualities, it can never deserve the title of a real *Anti-Arthritick*: So on the other, whatever Remedy has them in such a degree, as really and effectually to Sweeten and Cleanse the Blood, will seldom fail of performing a Cure: For as the just now cited Dr. Sydenham says, speaking of the General & Remote cure of the GOUT: *Whatever assists the Blood in discharging the vicious Humors that are mixed with it, cannot but answer the intention of Cure, be a Method or Medicine what it will.*

Since therefore our General intention of Cure must be levell'd at Restoring the Foul corrupted Blood to it's former sweet Balsamick State; enquiry must be made after such Remedies as by their Alcalious and Sulphureous as well as Volatil Particles, are able to enter into the Whole Mass, and there to Dilute and Cleanse it

of those Acid sharp foul Humors, which being mixed with, and lurking in it, injure and break the Unctuous Balsamick Texture of its Parts, whereby Nature is render'd uneasy. So that in this Cleansing and Sweetning the Blood, and thereby restoring it to its former Fluidity and Tenuity, consists the *General* and Remote Cure of all Gouts and Rheumatisms: For in so doing, the Remote Cause of these Distempers will be removed & taken away.

CHAP. VI. *Of the true method of Cure of the GOUT and RHEUMATISM in Particular.*

THESE Distempers proceeding in Particular from an undue Thickness and Coagulation of the Moisture or slimy Liquor contained in the Joints, by which its Natural state of Slipperiness is so entirely perverted, as not only by its Thickness to obstruct & hinder the Motion, but also by the Pungency of the sharp pointed Particles of the Morbifick Acid Humor, which is mixed with it out of the Blood, to cause most racking Pains, as above has been shewed: The only true Method of Cure in *Particular*, must be reduced to these two Points, *viz.* *First*, To dissolve the Coagulum. *Secondly*, To carry off, and free the Body from the Acid coagulating Humor: And by consequence, must consist in such Searching, Attenuating & Alcalious Medicines, so loaded with Volatil smooth Particles, as are capable: — *First*, To find out, (by searching into the utmost Recesses of the Body,) and unite themselves with the Particles of this Coagulating Acid. — Then to dull, sheath, blunt, and subdue their rough ragged Points, and thereby deprive them of their Pungency. — Next to separate & dislodge them out of the Moisture in the Joint, with which they are mixed, and thereby to dissolve the Coagulum: For as the Moisture is rendered thick and curdled, and thereby deprived of its Natural state of slipperiness, by the conjunction of Sharp foul Humors with it, much in the same manner as Milk will be curdled and thickned by Rennet, Vinegar, Juice of Lemons, or any other such Acid: So on the contrary, if these foul Acid Humors are but blunted, separated, and carried out of this Moisture, it will necessarily return again to its own natural, smooth, slippery state, whereby all the Motions of the Joint will, as usually, be performed. — After this to carry them not only off from the affected Joint, & thereby to give ease in the *present* Fit; but en-

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 extreme Parts of the Body, to either the Head, Sto-
 mach, Lungs, or Bowels; by effectually securing those
 noble Parts from being attacked by the Gout, But also
 by thus re-establishing the Strength of the Joints, this
 their acquired Vigour will enable them the better to
 resist for the future, the ingress of new supplies of fresh
 Gouty Matter, and to turn them off, to be discharged
 by the common Shores of the Body: and therefore
 such a Method of Cure as this is, may be relied
 upon, not only for taking off the present Fit, but also
 for preventing its future return. And none but Me-
 dicines endowed with these qualities can well give sa-
 tisfaction to the suffering Patient: This being the most ra-
 tional method of Cure in Cases of the GOUT that
 can well be assigned. This present System being
 built upon Reason and Experience, and not on Con-
 jecture and Speculation, and consequently with the great-
 est ease, explicates and solves not only the Nature of
 the Distemper, but likewise the most satisfactory manner
 by which its Symptoms are with safety & efficacy removed.
 If therefore the Method of giving Ease I shall in the follow-
 ing Chapter propose, be but found hereafter upon tryal of it
 (as it has on great numbers already) to answer these Ends
 every one must own, if they do it but justice, that it is in-
 ferior to Few things hitherto proposed for this Disease. So
 that a Remedy which will incorporate it self with the foul
 Acid Humors, and in a mild easy manner Blunt & Sheath
 by the Smoothness & Obfuseness of it's own Parts, the Sharp-
 nesses and Blacgency of Their Parts, must necessarily take off
 the Pain. And if it Separates and Disengages these Hu-
 mors from the Moisture which they have curdled and
 thickned, it must also thereby Dissolve the Coagulum,
 and take away the Inflammation and Swelling, which succes-
 sive Humors pushed on by successive Pulsations of the Blood,
 has crowd'd into the Parts beyond it's natural Capacity.

of containing, as has been clearly shew'd above in the 4th Chapter; by which Means the Motion of the *Joint* will be again restored: And lastly if it carries them out of the Body by another Channel, it must free the Patient not only from the Present Fit, but will also prevent any future Relapse: (I mean from THIS Humor at least, until Other Acid foul Humors breed again in the *Stomach*, & from thence mix themselves with the Blood; and from This again are thrown off by Nature into the Moisture in our Joints, & so on.)—So that in reality this Method of Cure in the Gout, is nothing in the World else, but assisting Nature to do *That*, which of her self she endeavours and labours at, but is not able to perform.

But altho this Acid coagulating Humor must be carried out of the Body, after it is throly separated and disengaged from the Moisture, with which it has been so mixed as to cause a Coagulation: Yet we must not suppose that this is to be performed either by a great deal of Purging; or indeed by ANY sort of Common *Purging*, or even *Diuretick Medicine*:—No:—This Method will not do: Because unless due regard be also had to the *Strengthening* as well as *Evacuating* Qualities in Anti-Arthritick Medicines, you may oftentimes Physick a Person off their Legs, and ruin their Constitution instead of giving them Ease and Relief. So that it must be by some *Select Medicine* peculiarly adapted to this End: Whose particular *Specifick* Qualities bear a singular Influence over, & Tendency towards the Mass of Blood and Joints rather than any thing else. Now to perform this in *Particular*, as well for the *Patient's* ease and satisfaction, as the *Physicians* Credit & Reputation, such Medicines above all others ought to be made use of, which by their Volatility, are most apt not only to mix themselves with the Mass of Blood in order to Depurate and cleanse it; but also by their *Subtility* and *Tenuity* of *Parts* to pervade and penetrate into the utmost Extremities of the *Joints*. Such a Medicine will not often fail: 1st To give Ease in the present Fit, by Blunting the Coagulating Acids in the Moisture of the *Joints*. And next to prevent a future Relapse, by carrying them off: Both which Ends the Method I shall hereafter propose has hitherto frequently performed: So that in Cases of the Gout, care must be taken not to Relax & Weaken the *Parts* by too much *Purging*; nor to Repell

and Fix the Morbifick Humor more in the Body by Unwary & Unskilful Outward Applications: But Endeavours must be to Correct and Carry off the Acidity of the One, and strengthen the Tone, and Texture of the Other.

Hence my Reader will now expect without doubt that I should speak a Word or 2 of Outward Applications. When: & What sort may be Used in the *Gout & Rheumatism*: Since a great many propose mighty Matters by these Means alone, as by *Ointments, Plaisters, Pulvices, &c.*

CHAP. VII. *Of the use of Outward Applications: How far: And in what manner they give Ease in the GOUT & Rheumatism: And what sort are the best for this end.*

THE Skill of the greatest Physicians having so frequently been eluded in the Cure of the *Gout* by even all the *Internal Medicines* Art could suggest to them: (in order that no *Stone* might be left *Unturn'd*) to extricate and free themselves of the Difficulties they have found with this Distemper, by its commonly proving so *Full a Match* for their Art, they have taken also a Tryal with *External* ones. And because in some certain Constitutions Outward Applications have been very successful; a great many Persons in the World pretend to promise even *Infallible Cures* by these means alone. But as on the one side I would have no *Person* so far to deceive themselves, as to think such means *Alone* will Always perform a Cure, without proper Remedies be taken also at the same time inwardly to Rectifie the Blood, Dissolve the thickned Moisture in the *Joints*, and to Carry off the Morbifick Humor: So on the other, besides the use of any proper *Medicine* taken Inwardly for these ends, some certain *Outward Applications* may profitably also be made use of: But always with this general *Caution* that they be not *Repercussives*, least by striking the Humor back, it should be sent into the *Stomach*, and there produce worse Effects than pure Fits of the *Gout* in the *Joints* alone would ever cause. For if we do but reflect on the kind design, & the real benefit that accrues from this wholesome Severity of Nature, nothing will appear more visibly pernicious and destructive to Health, then such Medicines, which keep the Morbifick Matter within the Mass of Blood, and thereby lock up the Enemy within the very Seat of Life, as has been often experienced to the destruction of a great many, by unwary Outward Applications.

But since only Outward Applications which are *Repelling* are to be rejected; Physicians have taken a Tryal with the whole list of *Anodynes* that are *Attractive*; amongst which those are always to be prefer'd, which most powerfully Draw out the Morbifick Humor: Such Outward Applications therefore cannot fail of being both safe and efficacious: For by this Means, the Acid Particles which have thicken'd the Moisture in and about the *Joints* will be evacuated by the Pores of the Skin Outwardly, at the same time that a proper *Anti-Arthritick* Remedy taken Inwardly promotes their Excretion by Dissolving the Coagulated Moisture in the Joints, and carries the Humor out of the Blood by another Channel, and thereby gives Ease to the Patient and performs a Cure. So that very great Caution ought to be used in External Applications for the *Gout*: For if the Morbifick Matter be thereby only dislodged, and not Drawn out, it may shift to some Noble Part as the Stomach, Brain, &c. to the no small prejudice of the afflicted Patient. Upon which Account it is an Established Maxim, in Physick, where the Cure of the Gout is in question, that *We must not aim at giving ease to the Joints only, without having also a regard to the more noble Parts.* The Experienced Dr. Sydenham was of this Opinion. *If any one (says he) enquires for External Remedies which ALONE will Cure the Gout, I hitherto know None, tho I have tried many in my self and others, having been afflicted with the Distemper near 34 Years: Therefore let none impose upon themselves that way, for I confidently affirm that the greatest part of those who have perished in the Gout, have not been so properly killed by the Disease as by Improper Applications of external Medicines.* By which we may see that this great & unquestionable Judge in our present Case did not condemn ALL Outward Applications, but only such as are *Improper*.

So that altho a great many things are daily recommended and applied *Outwardly* for the *Gout*, yet if they are *Improper Applications*, they may come to do more harm than good: The Difficulty then now remains to find out which are the most *Proper*.--To this I answer that there is ONE certain Outward Application in the World which a long successful Experience has proved to be not only extraordinary Safe, but also very Efficacious.

For being applied to the *Gouty Joint*, it presently by it's *Emollient* and *Relaxing Properties* opens and enlarges the *Pores* of the swell'd and distended *Cuticula* or outward *Scarf-Skin*, and thereby prepares them for a greater discharge of the *Morbifick Particles*: Then: by the penetrating *Volatility & Activity* of it's *Parts*, it separates and divides their *Cohesion & Continuity*, whereby it so attenuates & rarifies the *Gouty Humor* as to render it *Thin & Fluid*, and consequently more fit to be *Transpired* and drawn out thro the *Pores*, which before was fixed in the *Part*: -- Next by its peculiar *Attractive Property* it draws this *Gouty Humor* out thro the *Pores* and *Glandules* of the *Skin* by a gentle and easy *Transpiration*, and yet withall in such a plentiful manner that the *Joint* will be sometimes all bedewed & Moist with it: And lastly by it's strengthening *Quality* it confirms and roborates the over relaxed & weakned *Joint*: and all this without *Repulsion*; But mildly *Obtunds* the sharp gnawing Pains, *Attenuates* the Thick *Gouty Humor*, call's it out thro the *Pores*, and wonderfully comforts and strengthens the debilitated *Nerves* and *Joints*; and thereby proves it self to be a most *Efficacious External Application* for the *Gout & Rheumatism*; having the *Conditions* requisite for a real External *Anti-Arthritick Anodyne*. For since the *Attractive Quality* of this *Application* consists in the *Warmness* and *Volatility* of it's *Parts*, which emit subtle *Effluvia* that penetrate thro the *Pores* of the *Joints*, where insinuating themselves into the *Gouty Humor*, they divide, ferment, and attenuate it, and thereby giving it a brisker *Motion*, render it *Fluid* enough to pass thro the *Pores* of the *Skin*, & so to be externally discharged: By such a *Remedy* the afflicted Person cannot well fail of finding *Ease*, & the *Fit* will be taken away. When therefore *This Application* is used, the *Gouty Matter* will not be driven into the *Stomach*.

So that notwithstanding the *Specifick Tincture* I shall hereafter speak of, Taken a few Drops of it *Inwardly* be so Wonderful a Thing for the *Gout & Rheumatism* as scarcely to be excelled (if equalled) by any *Reputed Anti-Arthritick Medicine* whatsoever: Yet those Persons whose *FITS* are more obstinate then ordinary, would do very well to use also this *Outward Application* along with it, according to the *Directions* for the *Ule* of it which are

Sealed up along with the hereafter mentioned *Anti-Arthritick Tincture*: in order that this Application may draw forth *Outwardly* by the Pores of the Skin the Acid *Gouty Humor* that lies underneath, whilst the *Tincture* taken *Inwardly* may dissolve the Thickned Moisture in the *Joint*, and carry the Humor out of the Blood by another Channel: This *Method* of giving Ease being *Vis unita*, which is always *Fortior*: As *Two Strings are to a Bow*, And therefore worthy to be recommended to all Persons afflicted with these Distempers: Great Numbers (since the Publication of this System in the Year 1716) having received Ease and Relief by it, with a most satisfactory Surprise, in the most Racking and Violent Pains of the *GOUT* and *Rheumatism*. Since therefore all Persons *Constitutions & Degrees* of their *Fits* are not alike: I desire my Reader, that if *HIS Fit* of the *Gout* proves so very good *Natured*, as to require nothing else but the hereafter mentioned *Anti-Arthritick Tincture*; not to take it *ILL* at least, that I mention also this *Outward Application* along with it for *Others*, whose *FITS* may not be so Favourable as *HIS*: Especially since it not only causes no manner of Pain (as *Blisters*, Burning with *Moxa* as is customary in the *Indies*, &c. do) by reason that it makes the *Gouty Humor* Transpire gently, & withal plentifully thro' the Pores, without making any Sore or Breach of the Skin at all; but also is so *Clean* and *Neat* a Thing, as no Person tho' even of the greatest *Qualiry*, or *Nicest Constitution* can dislike; or refuse to make use of.

CHAP. VIII. Of *Specifick Remedies* in General.

There is no Person who has read the Great Mr. Boyle, that can doubt of the Existence of *Specifick Medicines*: By which *Name* I do not pretend to mean any Remedy so infallibly Efficacious, as *always certainly* to Cure the *Disease* it is good for in all Persons who take it, there being no such thing in Nature: Nor do I understand by the *Name* of a *Specifick*, a Remedy that almost like a *Charm* produces it's effect by some Occult and Unaccountable Property. But by a *Specifick Medicine* I mean.

1st. Such a Remedy as not only very often, but *most commonly* does much more considerably and better then other Medicines relieve the Patient; either by quite Curing, or at least by much lessening his Disease: And which Acts principally upon the Account of some peculiar Virtue

proper to it, owing to a particular *Structure, Shape, Figure, & Modification* of its *Parts*. So that a Remedy may be a real *Specifick* for a Distemper, & nevertheless fail of quite Curing in many particular Cases: For as there is a great difference as well in the natural *Temper* & *Constitutions* of Patients; as the various degrees of a Disease: So it is not at all to be wondered at, that some Persons who take Remedies which are really *Specificks*, should fail of a Cure, from the incongruity there is oftentimes betwixt the *Agent & Patient*, caused as well by the difference of *Constitutions* *Specifick Remedies* are to work upon, as the Alteration a Medicine may receive in its passage thro different parts of the Body, by the admixture of several incongruous *Particles* with it which it acquires in its way.

2dly, I mean by a *Specifick Medicine* such a one, as is appropriated to, & regards more the Cure of some one particular *Disease*, then another. And this I infer from a Medicine's being more capable to respect and tend towards some particular *Part* or *Fluid* of the Body rather then another: For if we do but consider that every *Part & Fluid* of the Body, as the *Head, Stomach, Joints, Blood, &c.* have each their particular *Texture, Frame, and Make*, whereby they differ from each other; it seems entirely rational that the *Corpuscles* of a Medicine taken into the *Stomach*, and from thence carried to and fro by the various *Liquors & Juices* of the Body; should, according to the determinate shape, size, & figure of its *Particles*, be much more fit to be detained in one *Part* or *Fluid* of the Body then by any other, according to the proportion more or less which is between the *Figure, Shape & Make* of the *Particles* of the Medicine, & the *Structure, Frame & Make* of the Pores of the Part it is detained in: where lodging and associating it self it supplies it with such congruous *Particles* as it stands most in need of.

But to make this more intelligible to those who are but little acquainted with the *Nature* of *Forms* and *Qualities*, it may not be amiss something more distinctly to explain, from whence the *Forms* and *Qualities* of all Bodies (by which they essentially differ one from another) arise and proceed. In order to this then we must consider.

That as all Bodies are formed of common *Matter*, they would without any Difference be of the same kind, if there were not something to diversifie them: For as *Matter* in

general considered purely as *Matter*, is of the same *Nature* in all Bodies, so if there were no *Accidents* to diversify the several *Parts* of this *Matter*, all Bodies would be the same.—And since every Body consists of *Parts*, it is but reasonable to suppose, that in different Bodies, those *Parts* must vary and differ, either in *Size*, *Shape*, *Figure*, *Position*, or *Order*: Because if they were of the same *Size*, *Shape*, *Figure*, and *Position*, there would be no difference in their *Texture*, and consequently they would all be entirely the same. But since *Parts* of a different *Size*, *Shape*, *Figure*, and *Position*, give a different *Modus*, Fashion, & Being to the *Matter*; this different *Modification* will occasion different *Forms*, from whence arise also different *Qualities*: By all which it plainly appears, that those *Qualities* which in some certain Medicines are call'd *Specifick*, are nothing in the World else but the *Result* of some certain Peculiar *Forms* of those Medicines, arising from the particular *Size*, *Shape*, *Figure*, *Structure*, and *Position* of their constituent *Parts*.—And from hence it is that proceeds the Fitness of some Medicinal Corpuscles (and in which *Fitness* it is that consists their *Specifick Nature*) to associate themselves with, and act upon those of one *Part* or *Fluid* rather than another. To illustrate which still farther, I need make use of no other Example then that of *Cantharides* or *Spanish Flies*, which either taken inwardly, or applied outwardly, will, as they are carried about by the *Juices & Fluids* of the Body, rejecting all other parts they pass thro, only be detained by the *Bladder*, and no where else, and *There* most violently affect the *Serum* and *Urine* only: And this from a particular pungent Shape and Make of their *Parts*, conformable to the Doctrine of *Forms* and *Qualities* (according to the Principles of the Corpuscular Philosophy) just now advanced. But of this Subject of *Specificks*, See the 7th Chap. of my Scheme, & the 9th Chap. of My Treatise on Weaknesses.

CHAP. IX. Of a certain *Specifick Medicine* for the Gout and Rheumatism.

THE great success The *Specifick Remedy* and *Elixir* mentioned in my *Practical Scheme*, has had in Curing as well the several degrees of *Secret Injuries*, as Broken, Decay'd, and Ruined Constitutions, by Fast Living, Former ill Cures, Salivations, & Mercury; (on which Accounts they are now esteem'd not only all over Great

Britain and Ireland, but in most Countries of *Europe*; as appears by the great Quantities which have been sent for of them, from several Parts beyond Seas) induced some few Persons afflicted with the *Gout* and *Rheumatism* to desire my Assistance in their Cases also.—I knew I had a Medicine whose Preparation seem'd as much levell'd to these Distempers as perhaps any ever made use of; but knowing the *Gout* to be a Disease whose CURE is looked upon so improbable, as rather to be made a Jest of then believed, according to that of *Ovid* above cited *Tollere nodosam*, &c. I was not very forward in promising any great Matters from it. But again on the other side considering that all that can be inferred from *That* Saying is only that 'till the coining of *That* Proverb no certain Remedy was as yet *Then* known; But not at all that Posterity might not find out a Remedy which may at least give Ease. For which reason I gave the Medicine to them, with very great Success, even after several other Means had been before ineffectually tried. But not daring to hope always for the like Event, I may say, good Fortune, as the Possession of such a Remedy would be, I at first ascribed this Success either to Chance, a Happy Constitution, or some other favourable Circumstance which might assist Nature in throwing off the Disease: But still continuing to give the Medicine to great Numbers afflicted with the same Distempers with the like good effect, has convinced me of its being a real *Anti-Arthritick*; Inasmuch that it would be Injurious not only to the Publick not to acquaint the World with it: but even my self, according to that of *Persius*. *Scire tuum nihil est, nisi te scire hoc sciat alter*. The Possession of the greatest Treasure gives no satisfaction without a Companion in the Enjoyment.

What therefore I have to say of this Medicine is, that it still continues to give fresh Proofs of it's being a Real *Specifick* for giving Ease in the *Gout* & *Rheumatism*, having in those great Numbers who have Used it, given the desired relief: Inasmuch that it's Efficacy and Virtues can now be Attested by a great many unquestionable Witnesses, who before the Tryal of it, would never believe it possible for a Medicine to give such unexpected Ease in these Distempers as they found it to do.

'Tis easy to foresee the little Credit this bare Assertion will meet with in the World. The *Gout* being a Disease

which has so long frustrated the Endeavours of the most Learned and Experienced Physicians, and so obstinately afflicted the Patients who have been affected with it; that were any Method tho never so safe and effectual proposed for giving Ease and Relief; it has so far prepossessed the Minds as well as the Bodies of the Afflicted, that it is hard to say, which is the more difficult Task, either to perswade the *Patient* of the Possibility, or to Relieve the Distemper. But since the best way to convince those Persons that suffer under this Disease of the Possibility of Relieving them, is to let them see that the Science of Physick understands perfectly well the *Nature* of their Affliction, I have endeavoured to shew more clearly then hitherto has been done the True Origin and Cause of the Disease, before ever I attempted to propose the Reason why it may be removed: What therefore I now aim at is, to offer to the World such a *Method* of giving Ease and Relief in the *Gout* and *Rheumatism*, as may promise, by the Reasonableness it carries along with it, a better Effect then yet has been found, by *Methods* hitherto proposed.

It was a Bold Answer of Sir *Rob. Talbor*, When, the Physicians (with a design to Baffle him) in the Presence of the late K. of *France*, asking him *What an Ague was?* He told them, that *An Ague was a Distemper which HE could Cure & They could not*: At which the Physicians stood *Staring* one at another as if struck Dumb and Speechless. The King Laughed heartily; took Sir *Robert's* Medicine; & was Cured by it, to the great *Mortification* of the whole Faculty. Now if any Person afflicted with the *Gout* after having Tried most of the usual Means Prescribed by Physicians and never the better, is pleased to Try the *Method* I here propose, and shall find Ease and Relief by it If (I say) any such Person thinks fit to make the APPLICATION, I return 'em my humble Thanks for it.

Wherefore as the *Incurability* of *Quartan Agues* was generally believed, before A *Specifick* for it was discovered; so it does not follow, because hitherto giving Ease in this Distemper has been found so difficult; but that some Lucky Person may possibly Hit upon it, as I have some Reason to think I have done. And what confirms me still more in this Opinion, is, the great Numbers this Medicine has actually given Ease to, when all the Means they had before tried would not do: For as *Aristotle* says, *Ubi res constat,*

etiamsi Opinio adversetur, Rei querenda est ratio. When 'tis really Matter of Fact that a Remedy gives Ease and Relief in any Stubborn Disease, we ought to examin the Reason of it, rather then reject it, notwithstanding it may seem to be against the Opinion of the Vulgar: Which made *Hippocrates* say that even the most skilful Physicians ought not to Despise any Remedy if confirmed by Experience. When therefore we see a Medicine generally speaking to give Ease, and its Efficacy confirmed by great Numbers of Proofs, as Rational Creatures we ought to Embrace and Use it, especially where such a Darling lies at stake as HEALTH is, which *Martial* calls the *Sauce* of Life, and of which we may say as the Lord *Rocheſter* did in another sence, that it is

*A Cordial Drop Heav'n in our Cup has thrown
To make the nauseous draught of Life go down.*

But that I may not propose giving Ease in the *Gout & Rheumatism* purely *Gratie*, by meerly bare asserting that This Medicine *Has* done it; I'll not content my self only with the Conclusions (as to its manner of Operation) which may be drawn from the visible and undeniable effects of it; but I'll endeavour to trace the Medicine thro every part of the Body it passes, to account thereby the more Rationally for every step of the Operation which is expected from it.

The Medicine therefore I here propose is A *Specifick Tincture*, of a Volatil, Alcalious Nature: a few Drops of which taken in a Glass of Beer, Ale, or Wine, & conveyed into the Stomach, soon mix and unite themselves with that *Portion* of the Mass of Blood which they find Circulating in the Vessels there: This *Tincture* being thus mixed with the Blood, is carried along with it in it's Circulation round the Body: Being carried about the Body along with the Blood, when it arrives at those Membranes which surround the Articulation of the Distemper'd Joints, & which contain those Mucilaginous Glands so often above mentioned, it naturally stops and stays there, passing by all other Fluids, Juices, and Parts of the Body, from a particular *Specifick* Tendency it bears to those Glands & the Liquor they contain, rather then any other part of the Body. How this is performed *viz.* that this *Tincture* will be carried about the Body along with the Blood, and stop no where 'till it arrives at the *Joint* or *Joints*, (altho the *Extremities* of the very *Feet & Toes*) which it is peculi-

arly designed to assist and give Relief to; I'll endeavour to make as clear as so intricate a Subject will permit.

'Tis manifest from *Anatomy* that the Mucilaginous Glands so often abovementioned, which are so plentifully contained in the Membranous *Ligaments* which surround, Wrap up, & hold together our *Joints*, are all of them Spungy Porous Bags full of little Holes, of (as Dr. *Pitcairn* has demonstrated) a Circular Figure & Shape which make these Glands serve as so many STRAINERS to the Blood, because thro these little Holes some finer *Portion* or other of the Blood is always passing as it *Circulates* about the Body. Now these little Holes in the Glands of hail sound *Joints* that ail nothing are all Open, and therefore let the Blood, and whatever is mixt with it pass easily thro: But in the Glands of *Gouty* and *Rheumatick Joints*, where the slimy Moisture so often abovementioned is Curdled and Thickned, these little Holes are most of 'em half clog'd and stopt up with this Moisture that is Thickned in them, and therefore will not let ANY thing Pass thro them along with the Blood, (whose Parts vary tho never so little in Figure, Size and Shape, from the Figure, Size and Shape of the Particles of the Blood,) so easily as other sound healthy Glands will.

This being thus presupposed 'tis easy now to explicate how this *Tincture* should as it roves about the Body along with the Blood, only stop at, and be detained by the Glands of those *Joints* it is designed to Relieve and give Ease to, just as if it was sent of an *Errand* to THEM in particular above all the rest. For when the Blood in it's *Circulation* about the Body arrives at the *Joints* where these half clog'd up Glands are, it easily slips and passes thro them, it's fine smooth *Particles* being sufficiently proportioned to the Shape, Size, and Circular Figure of these little Holes, notwithstanding their being thus half clog'd and stopt up. But if the Blood carries any Companions along with it, whose *Particles* are not so well adjusted to these half clog'd up little Holes, they will not Pass but Stop there, whilst the Blood easily glides, & slips thro.

This will appear clear in an Example: Take a Sieve or Bag made of *Flannel* or *Linnen Cloth*, and put into it a Quantity of *Water* with (for Example) some *Bran* in it: The *Water* all easily slip and pass thro altho you should pour in several Gallons, but the *Bran* will

all be retained in the Bag, and this more especially if the Holes of the Bag or Sieve should be half clog'd and stopt up with Dirt & Mud. 'Tis much in the same manner in our present Case: The *Particles* of the Blood are of a *Smooth, Globular, Figure*, as are also the little Holes and Pores in these Glands, as is visible by a Microscope: Now this *Tincture* having its *Particles* (from its Alcalious Nature) of an *Obtuse, Longish Figure*, Make and Shape, by consequence are unfit and disproportioned to pass thro' such little round Holes thus half clog'd and stopt up: Upon which Account when this Remedy circulates about the Body along with the Blood, it's *Particles* will no more pass thro' the half clog'd up Pores and little Holes of these Glands where the Blood Will, then in our just now mentioned Example, the *Bran* will pass thro' the Sieve or Bag along with the *Water*. And 'tis in this *Unfitness* to pass thro' along with the Blood, that determines the *Particles* of the Medicine to *Stop* and *Stay* there, & therefore 'tis in this *Disproportion* between the long Figure and Shape of these *Particles*, and the perfectly round Figure, Shape & Make of the little Holes & Pores of the *Straining Glands* being thus half clog'd and stopt up, as above has been said, that consists the *Specifick Tendency* and *Inclination* of this Medicine towards the *Joints* in particular above any other *Parts* of the Body; & by consequence *Constitutes* it an ANTI ARTHRITICK.

According therefore to this *System* 'tis not now hard to conceive how this *Tincture* should give Relief to the Distempered *Joints* rather than any other *Parts*. For when the *Particles* of the Medicine are thus *Stopt* & *Detained* by these *Straining Glands* in the manner just now *Explicated*, they are again out of them discharged along with the Slimy Liquor they contain, into the Interstices of the *Joints*, where the *Synovia* is Curdled & Thickned: being mixed thus with the Curdled Moisture it presently by its Attenuating, Volatil & Alcalious Nature, proceeding from a particular Modification of its *Parts*, separates the Acid Humor from the Moisture, and thereby the Coagulum is dissolved; upon which the Swelling and Inflammation abates; & by sheathing & blunting the sharp pungent *Particles* of the Acid Humor the Pain ceases: The Flexibility and Motion of the Joint returns, & other usual Symptoms vanish. Whereupon Ease and Rest, which for many

Nights perhaps before has not been had, will be obtained,

Thus far is just HALF the Work done, viz. The *Dissolution of the Coagulum*; and performed with the greatest ease and satisfaction to the Patient by this Medicine, whereby Ease in the *present Fit* is obtained. The other HALF of the Work must consist in carrying out of the *Body* the Acid *Gouty* Humor, after it is once well separated and parted from the Moisture in the Joints, by the just now mentioned Dissolving of the Coagulum in order to prevent the Fit's return. This other half of the Cure, this Medicine also performs by disposing the *Gouty* Humor after it is thus separated from the Moisture in the Joint for an easy Expulsion out of the *Body* partly by the common Passages of Evacuation, and partly by Transpiration thro' the Pores of the Skin that surrounds the Affected Joint.

And as the *Gout* generally gives some warnings of it's approach before-hand, by increase of *Appetite, Costiveness, Wind, Indigestions, Crudities, Rawness* in the *Stomach*, &c. if a Person be but provided with this Noble Medicine, & takes but some of it in time, (especially at *Spring & Fall*, when the Season raising a brisker *Ferment* than usual in the Mass of Blood, disposes it the more to throw off those ill *Humors* which it is most inclined to free it self from, and thereby brings on *Fits* of the *Gout*) they will soon experience the kind Effects of it, in either preventing the usual Cruelty of the Fit at the time that *Nature* is labouring to produce it; or by removing the FIT if already begun. But I desire my Reader to take Notice, that I do not mean by this, that it will so hinder *Nature* in her kind exclusion of the Morbifick Matter out of the Blood, as altogether on a sudden to Check and Stop the Fit, which would be of very ill Consequence; but that it will assist her so, as that the Foul *Humors* she is discharging her self of, will as they are separated and excluded out of the Blood, be carried off by the common *Emunctories* of the *Body*, as Stool, Urine, and Perspiration thro' the Pores which would otherwise rush into, and fall upon the Moisture in the Joints. So that if by this means the Patient is freed from the great Pain and Fatigue the Fit would have occasioned, with greater Advantage to his *Health* and Limbs, then his enduring it would be to him, I think it is doing him no small Piece of Service. And as this Medicine has performed on a great many what I have here menti-

oned and explicated, so there is a great deal of Reason to expect that it will do the same again upon those who are pleased to make Tryal of it. I desire therefore that no person would so far mistake me, as to think I propose here any **INFALLIBLE CURE** for all sorts of *Knotty Gouts*, or in all *Constitutions*: No: I pretend no such Thing: All I aim at in the *Publication* of this *Treatise*, is to propose an innocent safe Remedy which has actually given Ease and Relief to great Numbers, and therefore I have a moral Certainty (by Reasons at least *a posteriori*) to believe it will do the same again: And this is the Reason I Publish it.

Chap. X. *Some few more Particulars of this Anti-Arthritic Tincture, with an Account where it is to be had.*

ALtho I have not ventured at the Publication of this *Great Medicine* till its Efficacy had been confirmed in Multitudes of Persons to whom it had given unexpected Ease and Relief in the *Gout* and *Rheumatism*: Yet I shall not sufficiently satisfy neither my *Reader*, nor my self with the only bare Proposal of it, unless I proceed yet farther, and give some little more Account of the way of its Operation. For as it is necessary to understand perfectly the Structure of the Parts, and the Nature of the Humors contained in them, together with the Alterations those Humors are liable to, and capable of, into order to their Cure; so it is always requisite to consider the *Nature* and *Qualities* of those Remedies we are to make use of, & how they affect the *Parts* or *Humors* they are to work upon, & by *Consequence* in what manner they produce their *Effects*.

The manner therefore of acting of this Medicine being by mixing it self with the *Blood*, and there attacking the Acid foul *Morbifick Humor* so often above-mentioned, wherever it meets with it, rather than any other, and carrying it out of the *Body*: It may be objected that it cannot be well conceived how a Medicine should so single out one particular Humor, and fasten upon it, and carry it out of the *Body*, neglecting all the rest. This Difficulty might indeed have been great in former Ages, which saw no farther than *Occult* and *Hidden Qualities*; but is not so now, when by the Lights that the *Corpuscular Philosophy* gives to the *Materia Medica*, we may more easily account for the Specifick Qualities and Effects of Medicines, by resolving them to the Form, Figure, Shape, Texture, and Modification of their *Constituent Parts*, which render them

more fit to encounter and engage with some one particular Humor and Part of the Body rather than another.

Now that by reason of this particular *Structure, Make and Shape* of the *Constituent Parts* of a Medicine, it may bear not only a singular Influence over the *Blood and Acid Gouty Humor* in it so often above-mentioned, rather than any other *Fluid* of the *Body*; but also a particular *Tendency* towards the *Joints* above any other *Parts*, altho it has been already pretty clearly explicated by the *Example* of the Sieve or BAG yet it will still more easily appear possible by an *Example* or 2 which shew that there is in Nature such a *Specifick Power, Tendency and Inclination* in some certain *Bodies* in particular, to act on others, for *Example*.

Take some *Saw dust, Ashes, Sand, Brick-dust, Salt, Gold-dust, Filings of Iron, Ivory, &c.* Mix them all well together: And if you pour common Water upon the Mixture it will not meddle with any of the *Powders* except the *Salt*, which it will readily dissolve: And if instead of Water you should put a Quantity of *Quick-silver*, and rub them all together, this will neglect all the rest of the *Ingredients*, and only fasten upon the *Gold*: And if instead of these, you put a *Load stone* to the Mixture, this will act upon *ONLY* the *Iron*.

In the same manner, if you steep an Egg in good strong Vinegar for some Days, the Shell will be eaten away, whilst the Skin underneath that contains the White shall remain altogether unfretted. From all which is sufficiently apparent, that the *Operation* of some *Dissolvents* is so determin'd by the various *Texture* of *Bodies* on which they act, that a *Liquor* which is capable to corrode even a more hard and solid *Body*, may be unable to fret in the least another more soft and thin, if of a *Texture* indisposed to admit of the *Particles* of the *Liquor*. And hence it is that some *Medicines* from a particular *Shape, Figure, Motion and Texture* of their *Constituent Parts*, do respect, regard and tend to the *Pores* of some certain particular *Juices, Fluids, and Parts* of the *Body* rather than others, and for which Reason in regard of such *Fluids and Parts* of the *Body* they are said to be *Specificks*, and therefore obtain the Names of *Cordials, Cephalicks, Stomachicks, &c.* Of this kind is *Rheubarb*, which principally acts upon and evacuates *Cholor*: And *Sena* which will particularly purge *Phlegm, &c.* Nor is there more reason for these *Vegetables* to operate in this manner, than that other *Medicines* should act electively

also in regard of some determinate and particular Joint or Humor, as all *Anti-Arthriticks* do, which neglecting all other things, fixes and fastens upon the *Gouty Humor* in the Joints, preferable to any other Fluid or Part of the Body.

Another Example to illustrate this Truth may be taken from *Cantharides* or *Spanish-flies*, which either taken inwardly, or applied outwardly, will, as their subtle Particles are carried about by the circulating Juices and Fluids of the Body, rejecting all other Parts they pass thro, only be retained by the Bladder and no where else, and *There* most violently affect the Urine: And this by reason of a particular Tendency and Reference they bear to that Part, and the Urinary Vessels: So that altho being gotten into the Mass of Blood, they are carried by it indiscriminately to other Parts of the Body as well as these, yet without disaffecting *Them* in the least, they in a most cogent manner irritate the Bladder, and determine it to the expulsion of what it contains. Mr. Boyle in his *Treatise of Experimental and Natural Philosophy*, tells us, that he himself being in excessive Torment and Pain in his Bladder and Urinary Vessels from a Plaister of *Cantharides* laid on his Neck, was instantly relieved by drinking *New Milk* very well sweetened with Sugar Candy: from whence it appears that this *Milk* was no sooner drank, but the Particles of it made their Way STRAIT to those Parts, neglecting all others both Solids and Fluids of the Body, and this notwithstanding the many various Digestions it was obliged to pass thro in the Stomach. So *Asparagus* and *Turpentine* being taken into the Stomach, rejecting all other Parts, as their Particles are carried about the Body, are principally detained in the Urinary Vessels, as sufficiently appears from the very particular Smell they afterwards affect the Urine with.

And whereas it may be objected that Medicines must necessarily lose their Efficacy before they can reach the Distemper'd Part, and that more especially if remote from the Stomach, as all Joints are. Yet this Difficulty how great soever it might formerly appear before the Discovery of the Blood's Circulation, is none at all now; Daily Experience confirming to us, that by means of this Circulation the Particles of Medicines retain their own Nature and Specifick Tendency towards some one determinate & particular Fluid or Part of the Body rather than any other, notwithstanding the many different Vessels they may pass

thro, as evidently appears in the just now mentioned Examples of *Cantharides*, *Asparagus*, and *Turpentine*, all which without any regard to the many Anfractuons Turnings & Windings, Alterations and Digestions, Filtrations & Strainings they meet with in the *Stomach*, act nevertheless ONLY upon the *Bladder* and *Urinary Vessels*.

From these Examples sufficiently appears the possible fitness of the *Corpuscles* of some Bodies to associate themselves with, and act upon those of some one particular & determinate Fluid or Part of the Body rather than another, which appears also clear by 2 other Examples of the Bite of a *Viper*, and the Foam of a *Mad Dog* which make their way by means of the *Bloods Circulation* immediately; the *Venom* of the *Viper* ONLY to the Heart, & kills the Person: The *Foam of the Dog*, Only to the Head, & affects the Person with *Madness*, notwithstanding the many previous Circulations of these *Venoms* thro the Lungs, without any diminution at all of their Virtue and Strength.

Hence the great Objection against the particular Operation of *Specifick Medicines*, viz. That 'tis impossible for any Medicine so to Rove as it were about the Body, as to Ferret and find out some one particular Part and Humor, rather than another, by neglecting all other Things, and singling This out from the rest, in 20 Pounds or more of *Blood*, which dally circulates about our Bodies and fastening upon it, may be sufficiently answered. For suppose a Medicine be but taken into the *Stomach*, & from thence once mixed with the *Blood*, 'tis very possible that the several STRAINERS of the the Body thro which this *Blood* circulates & passes, should keep & detain the Particles of such Medicines, whose Figure, Shape, & Make of Parts, renders them unfit to pass thro, rather than any others.

'Tis much in this manner that the Medicine I here propose, mixing it self with the Blood and Juices in the Body attacks only and fixes it self upon the *Gouty Humor*, and carries it off. And this by reason that its Particles have such a suitable fitness to the Pores of this Humor rather than any other whatsoever in the Body, as our above-mentioned Example of *Quick-silver* has to the Pores of *Gold*; that they will as little work upon the rest of the Body, as the same *Quicksilver* will upon *Iron*, which is nevertheless a much more porous and open Body than *Gold*.

At first when I was agreeably surprized with the Success

of this *Medicine* I thought it rather a *Mystery* than a *Physical Effect*. But when I compared the Principles it is composed of with the *Distemper* it is to encounter with: I no longer wonder'd at it, for I found it to consist of such peculiar *Ingredients* for this end as have the *Conditions* requisite to dissolve the *Coagulum* so often above-mentioned, and carry the *GOUTY Humor* off, and thereby giving *Ease*: And withal so nicely adjusted in their *Proportions*, that as Mr. Pope says of *Beauty*.

'Tis not a Lip or Eye we Beauty call,

But the Joint Force, and full Result of all.

So in the same manner the wonderful Efficacy of this *Anti Arthritick Tincture* does not proceed from any one of its *Ingredients* in particular, but from the singular *Harmony*, *Joint Force*, and full *Result* of all together.

Hence No Person even of the greatest *Quality* can Reasonably object against a *Method of Cure*, so very *Safe*, *Efficacious*, and *Easy* in its *Use* and *Operation* as this is, which Carries off the *Gouty Humor*, as well from the *Stomach* and other noble *Parts*, as the *Joints* themselves, partly by the common *Passages of Evacuation*, and partly by *Transpiration* thro the *Pores* of the *Skin* that surround the *Affected Joint*, as has been frequently above-mentioned and is even visible by the *Sweat* that will appear on the *Gouty Joints* upon taking this *Medicine*.

And that this *Sweat* is Impregnated with the foul *Acid Humor* that before was lodged in the *Joint*, is sufficiently manifest from the unusual offensive *Smell* that this *Sweat* in particular has. A *Notable Instance* of which is as follows. A certain *Person* so violently afflicted with the *Gout*, that for some time they had used *Crutches*, (the *Joints* being extraordinarily swelled and painful, and indeed so very sore that they could not suffer even the *Bed Cloaths* to touch the *Part*;) took some few times of this *Medicine*; upon which the *Eruption* of a plentiful *Sweat* soon appeared on the swelled *Joint*: And not only this, but the *Sweat* was also of such an offensive *Smell*, that it caused *Admiration* in all who were present: Now this offensive *Smell* shewed clearly, that this *Sweat* was in a particular manner impregnated with the Foul *Acid Humor* which before was lodged in the *Joint*. Upon this the *Swelling* sensibly decreased, the *Pain* abated, and the *Person* in a little time entirely recovered. But I

must also add, that in order to cause this *Poul Sweat* thus impregnated with the *Acid Gouty Humor*, to be more plentifully evacuated thro' the *Pores* of the affected *Joint*, the *Outward Application* recommended above in the 7th Chapter (and which is the safest and most effectual one that possibly can be, to help and assist *Nature* in the *Protrusion* of this *Sweat Outwardly*, whilst the *Drops* by *Attenuating* the *Humor*, dispose it for this *Expulsion Inwardly*) was also made use of at the same time, along and in *Conjunction* with the use of the *Tincture*. And as I said above in the 7th Chapter that as some *Outward Applications* if *Astringent* and *Repelling* will be of dangerous *Consequence*, by throwing the *Humor* into the *Stomach*, so on the contrary, a proper *Attractive exterior Application* will be of great use in giving *Ease* in a great deal less time, then unassisted *Nature* could possibly procure it, without: So that after this *Outward Remedy* has lain on sometime, the *Humor* will be so plentifully evacuated by it, as to appear *Wet* and sometimes even in great *Drops* on the ailing *Joint*, which *Effect* recommends this *Application* to be the *Best* that ever was known or made use of in these *Distempers*; and therefore I cannot but Recommend the use of it to all Persons labouring under the *Wracking Pains* of this *Disease*: For its manner of *Operation* is ist by opening and enlarging the *Pore* of the *Skin*, and thereby rendring them capable of a very plentiful protrusion of the *Gouty Matter*: 2dly, by its *Attractive Quality*, it draws forth the *Humor Outwardly*, which the *Medicine* taken *Inwardly* at the same time thrusts out, and consequently both together act potently in *Conjunction* with each other, just as two *Horses* will draw a *Cart*, which one of them alone could scarcely tug along.

Thus by the *Protrusion* of the *Morbifick Humor Outwardly* by *Transpiration*, and the *Expulsion* of it *Inwardly* by the common *Passages of Evacuation* of the *Body* by the taking of this *Tincture*; the offending *Humors* have been carried off, and the *Patient* re-established in his former *Agility*, *Strength*, *Vigour* and *Ease*. So that of such prevalence has this *Medicine* been; that no sooner has the *Blood* and *Humors* been impregnated with it, but the *Patients* found *Ease*, the most *Torturing Pains* were alleviated, & the *Fit* Taken away, without a future *Relapse*.

Gentlemen when they are at *Ease* can seldom be per-

suaded to the use of *Medicines*: But if Persons subject to the *Gout* or *Rheumatism* would but now & then (even at times when free from the *Affaults* of any *Fit*) Take of these Drops in a Glass of their Beer, Ale or Wine especially at *Spring* and *Fall* (the usual Seasons for *Gout* *Visits*, by Reason that at these *Times* the Blood *circulating* and *fermenting* more briskly than at others, by consequence deputerates and purges it self the more) they would find the *Invasions* of the *Distemper* not only keep off, but also taken away, by its carrying off those *Acids* which tend to the breeding of *Goutish* Humors: As also *Dropical*, *Nephritick* and other *Disorders*, from the Blood infected with foul Humors are prevented, and a much better *State of Health* and *Vigour* established; The Effect of this *Medicine* being in a particular Manner to purify and cleanse the Blood, to *Corroborate* the *Stomach* by strengthening its over-relaxed *Fibres*, so as to brace it up to its *Natural* and just *Tone*; to cause a good *Appetite*, to help and promote *Digestion*, and thereby hinder the *Production* of those *Crudities*, *Indigestions*, and *Corruptions* mentioned above in the 34 *Chapter*, by which means the *Root* of the Disease is not only hinder'd and prevented, but also *Warmth* and *Vigour* is so dispensed by it to a cold weak *Stomach*, as that the *Operations of Nature* are powerfully assisted with respect as well to a right distribution of *Nourishment* to the whole Body in general, as the *Separation* of its *Juices* and *Fluids* in the several *Visera* framed by *Nature* to *secrete* them in particular, causing a free, lively, and natural *Circulation* of the Blood, even thro the most minute Canals, and thereby *attenuates* and *breaks* in their *Infancy* and *Cohesion* of those tough & viscid *Humors* which in time generate and bring on *Fits of the GOUT*.

In a supposition therefore that this *Tincture* be taken by Persons perfectly Well, and who have no manner of *Gouty* Humors all to *Work* upon it then purifies the *Blood*, helps *Digestion*, *Creates* an *Appetite*, and *Cleanses* the *Body of Scorburtick*, sharp and foul *Humors*, so that to a Person never so well in *Health*, it will *Cleanse* and *Sweeten* the *Blood*, and by consequence can do no one any harm, but will do good. *Gentlemen* therefore who live Fast, and Drink much, altho they neither have, nor ever had any thing of the *Gout* or *Rheumatism*, can't

have many better things to carry about with them in their *Pocket* to take of now and then a few Drops in their Beer, Ale, or Wine, to *sweeten their Blood*, create an *Appetite*, Cause a good *Digestion*, carry off any *Scorbutick* or foul sharp *Humors*, and to keep and preserve their *Healths* and *Constitutions* *Lively, Brisk, Vigorous* and *Strong*, then this Tincture : It being so suited to *Nature's Ends* and *Inclinations*, that by the use of it those *noxious* Humors in the *Blood* and *Body* that are *Enemies* to her, and make Persons uneasy will be removed, and thereby not only the *GOUT* and *Rheumatism* (especially in Persons subject to 'em) prevented, but also *Calculous* and *Gritty Matter* tending to breed the *Stone* and *Gravel*, carried out of the *Body*.

The use of This Tincture also is so very easy that a Person may carry it about with them in their *Pocket*, and take some Drops of it in a Glass of Beer, Ale, or Wine, as well abroad as at home : Gentlemen at the Coffee-house, Tavern, or any other Publick House may take the *Bottle* out of their *Pocket*, and put a few Drops into their Wine, Ale, Beer, &c. to turn it into *Purl*, & thereby prevent and keep off *Fits of the Gout*. So that whoever in time of *Health*, takes now and then of these Drops, will not only have the *Root of the Gout* taken away, but also the want of *Physick* for other *Ailments* supplied.

THis Tincture in *fine Neat Bottles* containing enough for a Cure in most Cases, is sealed up with THIS Seal of the Celebrated Anodyne NECK-LACE for Children's TEETH, together with Clear, Easy, Full and Plain, Directions, not only for the Use of it ; but also how Persons may make up Themselves, and Apply a certain outward Application which is no less commonly, then successfully prescribed by Physicians for the *GOUT* and *Rheumatism*, and which is not only extraordinary Safe as well as Efficacious, but is even the very BEST as yet known, next to that One Particular outward Application mention'd above in the 7th Chapter ; and by Consequence by this Tincture (to be Taken a few Drops in a Glass of Wine) and this outward Application, Persons may Cure THEMSELVES tho' never so Remote in any Country, Season,



Climate, or Part of the World, (for if but well Corked, it will keep a long while) Price a Guinea, to be had at the Places mentioned in the Title Page of this Book.

BUT as for such Persons who had rather make use of that extraordinary Outward Application, which is Recommended above in the 7th Chapter, it is put up by it self in neat Bottles, being a Cleanly Neat ATTRACTIVE ANODYNE SPIRIT for Persons either to Bath the Part with, or to wet Rags in, and to lay on the Part (which Persons please, choose and like best) Price Half a Guinea, sealed up also with this Seal distinct by it self, and with distinct plain Directions for its Use.

By this Method of Cure, not only common GOUTS have been eradicated and carried off, but even Large CHALK STONES have, Some come away (the skin gently opening and letting them out) as lately happened to a Lady at Clapham afflicted with a KNOTTY CHALKY GOUT near 20 Years, and several more: Others dispersed and vanished away as in the Certificate of Mrs *Malkin* in Newgate Market hereafter inserted and a great many others. So that were *Ovid* now living to see the GOUT no longer now the REPROACH of Medicine, instead of saying *Tollere Nodofam, nescit Medicina Podagram*. He would rather say

Tollere Nodofam JAM SCIT Medicina Podagram.

CHAP. XI. *How far the Use of Opiates concurs to give Ease in Fits of the GOUT and Rheumatism.*

TIS no small Argument of a Distemper's being difficult to Cure when recourse is had to Desperate Remedies. The ill Success of the common *Anti-Arthriticks* has put Physicians upon other ways of giving Ease, viz. By procuring it, not after a regular manner by direct Prescriptions for the Disease, but indirectly, viz. Not by taking off the Pain, but by depriving the Patient of the Sense of feeling it, by the common way of giving *Opium*.

Now as to the Use of *Opiates* (by which are understood all Remedies that have *Opium* in them) in Cases of the *Gout*: It is certain that they act on no other Score than to gain time by *Stupifying, Blunting, and Benumbing the Sences*, 'till other Medicines can take place; and by

consequence keep off the Sence of Pain no longer then the *Stupifying* Quality of the *Opium* lasts: but when that is Wore off, the *Fits* return again with greater Violence, and the *Gouty Matter* after the use of 'em is more pertinaciously fixed then before: For which Reason if Persons would but be perswaded to omit the use of them, their *Fits* would be not only always the shorter, but even when they are off, would leave them much more Vigorous and Strong then when *Opiates* are used. For *Opium* taken inwardly *Stupifies* Pain by its Viscuous Particles, which being conveyed to the Channels of the Brain, agglutinates and fixes the Animal Spirits by Thickening them in such a manner, as to stop for some time their Fluidity, Activity and Circulation from the Swift-ness of their Former Motion: So that during that Obstruction or Tye upon the Spirits, the Pain is not felt; the Sences being as it were entangled, fettered & locked up by the agglutinating Property of the *Curve Hooked-Angled Particles* of the *Opium*; upon which Account a great deal of Caution and Judgment is requisite in the Internal Use of it: And this is the Reason why the Effects of *Opiates* in *Fits* of the *Gout* are daily experienced as uncertain and fallacious, as their Stupifying the Brain and Sences has been found to be pernicious and dangerous.

Now as I endeavour to propose a *Method* of giving Ease in even the most racking Pains of the *Gout* & *Rheumatism*, that hitherto has proved extraordinary successful and efficacious: So I entirely aim at a Method that is SAFE: And therefore I can assure my Reader that both the *Outward Application* as also the *Anti-Arthritick Tincture* I have here proposed are both so Innocent, that not only an *Infant* may take of *This*: But the Nicest and most Delicate *Constitution* may with the greatest Convenience and Ease use *That*, it being so clean and neat a Thing, as well as safe and efficacious. How often do we hear that this or that *Great Man* so useful in his *Station* as not to be spared without a *publick Damage*, is confin'd & laid up with the *Gout*, and oftentimes chuses rather to suffer and wait the *Leisure* of unassisted *Nature*, than take a *Remedy*? If such Persons wou'd but be prevailed upon to try the *Medicine* I here propose, I have *Reason* to believe they would receive a great deal of *Satisfaction* from it;

CHAP. XII. *Instances of Success of this Method of Cure.*

The following Certificate was sent to *London*, in a Letter to Mr. *Pinckard*, Attorney at Law, in *Durham Yard* in the Strand, part of which is as follows.

Dec. 30. 1717.

DEAR SON, This is to acquaint you how I have been attacked, and how wonderfully also I have been relieved by the Tincture for the GOUT which you sent me last Spring. I desire this Testimony which I here send you may be Published; and I will testify the Truth of it to all Persons enquiring of me about it, as I desire also the same of you to do, &c.

I Robert Needham the Elder, of *Hilston* near *Mouth Gent.* having been above 30 Years afflicted with the GOUT, and for many of those Years, I had it in my Shoulders, Elbows, Hands, Knees, and Feet, and this frequently altogether at one and the same time; and thereby obliged for near 6 Weeks together at a time to lie both Night and Day in my Cloths, my Stomach paul'd, and my self reduced to the utmost Weakness. I abovementioned do for the Benefit of others hereby Certifie that some time ago I was violently seized in both my Feet with the GOUT expecting the same or worse Treatment I usually had, but then and for some small time after continuing to take of the Tincture, prepared for this end by the Author of the New SYSTEM of the Gout and Rheumatism, having sent for it from *London* to have it in Readyness by me; thro' God Almighty's Blessing in 3 Days time, it carried off all Pain, preserved my Stomach very well, and kept my Body in such good Temper, that I could walk about my House, and do now walk abroad, without Cane or Staff, which for most part of 6 Months past, I could not do, having frequently Pains in my Ancles and Feet, of which I am now entirely freed. Rob. Needham.

Some time after Mr. Needham writ the following Letter to *London* to the same Gentleman his Son in Law.

DEAR SON, The Tincture for the Gout and Rheumatism begins to grow famous in these Parts. I have given some of the Systems amongst the best Gentlemen in my Neighbourhood, who have sent for Bottles of the Tincture: And I have been applied to by many to know the Truth of my Cure. And a Neighbouring Gentleman desired to have

the Account of my Cure from my own Mouth, which I gave him, and he has sent for 2 Bottles. My Wife, since my Recovery, fell very ill with a Rheumatism, and the Remedy soon eased her. Another Person, even confined to his Bed, and not able to stir hand or Foot, sent to me for some spare part of my Bottle, & was soon by it able to walk about: They sent me abundance of Thanks. I am, &c. R. Needham.

Upon this Success of the Remedy on Esq; Needham, a Neighbouring Gentleman sorely also afflicted with the Gout, writ the following Letters to Mr. Langhorn, at the Rising Sun in Bedford-street, Covent-Garden.

SIR, Your Father Needham having found such great benefit by the Tincture for the Gout, and sent me the Book that treats of it, to peruse, I desire you'll send me a Bottle of it. Where you buy it, you may give them my Name down, for I shall not be ashamed of using it. I am, &c. B. Hall.

DEAR SIR, Your Father Needham dined with me last Thursday, as he went to Lidney, and does brag most wonderfully of his Cure. He has also since cured your Mother and Mr. Fletcher of the Rheumatism with the same Remedy, and has given it to Mr. Evans, I am, &c. B. Hall.

The following Acknowledgement was from Mr. Smith, an eminent Undertaker in Barbican near Cripplegate.

I Herely acknowledge that for these 12 Years past I have been afflicted grievously with the GOUT in my Feet: And for these 7 or 8 Years past, I have had it in my Knees, and between my Hips, so that I have not been able to sit upright, but to lie all along upon one Side: And also my Hands, Elbows and Shoulders have been so bad, that I was not able to lift a Cup of Drink to my Mouth. I have also had it so sorely in my Stomach, that all my Friends dispaired of my Life, and that I have sat up several Nights & Days, not being able to get my Cloths off and on. Also that I have not been able to get up and down Stairs but by sliding down upon my Back side. This has been my hard Fate every Winter for the last Term of Years, except some small Intervals, having had no Shoes on my Feet for 7 or 8 Months in the Year, but what was cut up the middle and laced with strings.

About Michaelmas last, I was, as usual, attack'd with a most grievous Fit. I had recourse to several Remedies, but no Relief. At last I was advised to take the Tincture prepared for this End by the Author of the New System

of the *Gout and Rheumatism*. I sent for it, and which I took of according to the Directions sealed up therewith, by which I found my self much better in my Feet (where the GOUT then had settled) & got my Shoes on again, and with a couple of *Sticks*, went about my Business, & at last, could go with one *Stick*, so that I went to the Tavern with a Friend, and almost forgot that I had the *Gout*. For I believe I could have gone home without my *Stick*, had I not had it with me. And the *Tuesday* following I went from my House about 9 a Clock in the Morning on Foot to *Long-Acre*. And I can now go as far as from the *Royal Exchange* to *Charing Cross*, with the help of one *Stick*, and at this time I am very clear of the *Gout* in my Hands, Elbows, Shoulders, Stomach, &c. and have been so ever since I felt the Working of the Remedy. *John Smither*, in *Farbican* near *Cripplegate*.

HAVING been for above 9 Years very much afflicted with the GOUT, & not been able to rise out of my Bed, having not had any Part free from violent Pain, and for almost two Years gone with Crutches, and been under several Eminent Doctors Hands, and found no Ease. I Read in the publick News of a Tincture for the *Gout* belonging to A New System of that Distemper, and apply'd my self to it: And tho I went with Crutches before, yet I was soon able to go without, not having been able for three Winters past to come out of my Chamber: But by the Blessing of God and this Tincture, I have not been confined to it this Season. For the publick Good I will satisfy any Person of the Truth of it. *Paul Demy*, At my House in *Woolwich Lane*, in *Greenwich*.

TO all Persons afflicted and LAID UP with the GOUT, I hereby testify that having had a confirmed GOUT these 9 Years past, to such a Degree, that I was an entire Cripple, not able to go without Crutches, having lost almost the total Use of my Limbs by it. I took all Things I could hear of, but to no Purpose, till I took of that most excellent Anti-Arthritick Remedy belonging to the New System of the *Gout and Rheumatism*, by which I am to a Miracie recovered, cured, and restored to the perfect use of my Limbs, being as able to go without my Crutches as ever I could in my Life, which before I happily took of this Remedy, I could never do. Of the truth of which I

will satisfy any Person.---*Tho. Wiggins* Printer, at the Black Bull in *Oster-Lane*, near *West-Smithfield*, Dec. 17. 1717.

MR. *Gore*, Master of the Pale-Ale Brew-house, at the *Swan-Inn* on *Holbourn-Bridge*, who was very well known to be a remarkable Instance of the GOUT for above 20 Years, after having Taken of this Tincture was pleased to express himself in Writing in this manner.

I have with a great deal of Pleasure Read over and over the New System of the GOUT and *Rheumatism*, and believe the *Observations* therein contained to be founded upon the Principles of Reason. I have also Taken of the *Anti-Arthritick* Tincture therein recommended for the Gout, whose Tyranny I have been under for near 2 or 3 and 20 Years. I shall willingly lay hold of any opportunity to let the World know the esteem I have for it, and I hope to be soon able to go abroad, & personally to confirm what I now write. I have thrown away many Scores of Pounds upon the GOUT to no purpose, and have lost many hundreds more by the hindrance for several Years in my Business. I am drawing apace towards 60 Years of Age, and I hope I shall be able with Confidence to say, that the GOUT is no longer a REPROACH to Medicine. Since I took of the Tincture, my Old Enemy has been assaulting me, but with no great Violence, so that I hope they are only farewell Struggles. Oct. 24. 1717. *John Gore.*

This Gentleman besides the Money he was pleased to lay out, Sent a Cask of *Fine Ale* to be left at the *Andyne Necklace* without *Temple-Bar* for the Author, for a Present, as a Mark of the Esteem he had for this Tincture, above all other Medicines he ever took before.

THE following Commendation of this Tincture was from a Commander in the Army, whose Name I must not mention, not having leave so to do.---Having taken of the Tincture for the Gout with which I have been a Cripple almost 20 Years, I have the Pleasure to say that my Gout left me on *Wednesday* and I have been every Day since able to Walk. I have the greatest Opinion of the Tincture even in the most desperate Fits of the Gout, for I am positive it will agree with and do service to most, if not all Constitutions, &c.

I James Davis, at his Majesty's Printing-House in *Black-Fryars*, was about 7 Years ago seized with a violent

Fever, which settling first in my Feet, and then flying into my Head, and all over my Body, attended with a prodigious Swelling and Inflammation, made me incapable of getting out of my Bed for several Months, and so has continued ever since, excepting some small Intervals. I had the Advice of several Physicians and Surgeons, who were all Eye-witnesses of my unhappy Condition, and who by the various removings of my Distemper, knew not what to call it, yet ordered me Medicines, but to no Purpose: About 3 Years ago I went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was an Out-patient several Months, where the Physicians told me it was a violent GOUT, but I could have no ease. Having thus had Advice of the Learned without success, I began to hearken to every Bodies Instructions, sending for and Taking all the Medicines I could hear of. And as the Expence was large, so was their Number, I think, innumerable, which only added to my Misfortune, not hearing of any Person so violently afflicted as my self. Being in this miserable Condition, and given over by all as incurable, the GOUT still increasing so violently, that my Joints became so Knotted, that I was rendred quite unable to follow my Business, and destitute of all Relief; some Time ago, I was recommended by a Gentleman to the Anti-Arthritick Tincture mentioned in a New System of the Gout and Rheumatism given away Gratis, &c. I had not taken above Twice of it before I found a great Alteration. The GOUT, which was then in my Stomach, abated, and by some continuance of the Remedy I still grew sensibly better every Day; so that I am now free from all Pains and stiffness in my Joints, and as well in Health and Strength as ever I was in my Life. The truth of which I am ready to testify, living in Printing-house-street in Black-Fryars. J. Davis.

HAVING been afflicted with the Gout and Rheumatism in such a violent Manner, that I could take no Rest, nor able to lift my Hands to my Head, nor dress or undress my self without Help for above 3 Quarters of a Year: Nor could I walk the Length of a Room without great Pain. I had a great deal of Advice, and tried many Remedies, but all to no effect; till at length it pleased God that I was fortunately recommended to that most excellent and valuable Tincture mentioned in a new System of the Gout and Rheumatism, by which I am recovered to my form-

or Strength, and use of my Limbs. The truth of this will be testified by me, Daniel la Force, Vintner, to be directed to by the Gentlewoman at the Necklace without Temple-Bar.

For the Benefit of Persons afflicted with the GOUT.

I Hereby acknowledge that having had the Gout 14 Years, I had a very large Chalk-stone in one of my Fingers, which a Surgeon offered to cut out, which Operation being very unwilling to undergo, I made use of the Tincture for the Gout and Rheumatism, mentioned in the New System of those Distempers. By which in a small time the Chalk-stone so dwindled and vanished away, that now I have nothing at all of it, having received such Benefit as I cannot easily express, and of which I am ready to satisfy any Person, who will think fit to come to me at my House the Sign of the Windmill in Newgate-Market. October 13. 1718. Elizabeth Malkin.

FOR the Benefit of miserable Mankind afflicted with the GOUT and RHEUMATISM, I hereby declare to the World, that having had these Distempers to such a high Degree for seven Years, that (excepting some Intervals) I was in such a Torment, that I had no Ease Day or Night. I made Use of Physicians, Apothecaries, and Surgeons, and have taken Loads of Physick from them, as Bolus's, Electuaries, Pills, Drinks, &c. but all to no Purpose, insomuch that I despair'd of ever being Cured. But happily hearing of the Tinctuæ for these Distempers by the Author of the Practical Scheme I took of it, and am thereby, and by the Blessing of Almighty God, restor'd to my perfect Health, and am as well, as easy, and entirely free from my Gouty Pains, as ever I was in my Life. Having therefore thus happily met with so extraordinary and unexpected a Cure, I desire this may be Published for the Good of Others, who may be as miserable laid up with the Gout and Rheumatism, as I was, and am ready to satisfy any Person farther of the Truth of it, at Mrs. Morey's, a Podice-Shop, over against the Orchard in Wapping.

I John Lloyd, having for near 20 Years been grievously afflicted with the GOUT and Rheumatism, I took all things I could get for Money; and for these last 5 Years I could not go without Crutches, and very often was so very Weak, that I had not strength to bear (even) Them. At last by the Blessing of Almighty God

on the use of that most excellent Tincture for the GOUT and Rheumatism belonging to the New System of those Distempers, I am now so restored to my health and strength, that I can Walk about the Streets only with a Stick: of which wonderful Change, I and my Wife are willing to satisfy any Person who will think fit to come to us at the Brass Knocker in Boswell-Court in Devonshire street, near Red Lion-Square. Feb. 5. 1719.

I Could reckon up great numbers more of other such undeniable Testimonies of Cures by This Method, on Persons even given over by all others: But having trespassed on my Readers Patience too long already, I'll make an end, desiring him to peruse the several News-Papers of late Years wherein he will find great Numbers of Authentick Certificates of surprising Cures wrought by it. For to recite the particular Cases of every one that has happily experienced the good Effects of these great Anti Arthrick Medicines, since the Publication of this System, wou'd swell this little Treatise far beyond my present Design: Therefore I'll leave every one to the perusal of the News Papers & then to be informed of the Persons themselves as to their Success. All which are as sufficient as even 10000 more wou'd be to convince any Person of the great virtue & efficacy of these Remedies. Persons indeed may go from Place to Place to seek a Cure, but when they have sought and tried all they can, they will scarce find a Better nor Surer then by this Method, as Numbers have to their Comfort found.

I desire my Reader to give me leave to trouble him with an Account of a remarkable Cure of a Broken Constitution by the Elixir mentioned in the Practical Scheme.

HAVING been extream ill with wandring Pains, and a Broken Constitution, &c, so very bad, and was so weak and worn away, that all my Friends were of Opinion that I was in a Consumption. I applied my self to several Physicians, but to no Effect, till I bought that Famous Specifick Elixir for Broken Constitutions mentioned in the Practical Scheme, which has perfectly cured me, so that I am as well as ever I was in my Life, and publish this, that others labouring under the same Misfortune may happily find Relief as I have done; And am ready

to satisfy any Person that will call upon me at my House,
Brace's Coffee-house in Silver-street near Wood-street.

Nov. 20. 1717.

Wm. Smith.

IF any Gentlemen, Traders, Merchants, Sea-Surgeons,
Captain & Mates of Ships, or others Persons trading A-
broad to the East or West Indies, or elsewhere will take
either of this *Anti-Arthritic Tincture*: Or the *SPECI-
FICK REMEDY* or *ELIXIR* mentioned in the *Practical
Scheme*, or of these *Soverain Anodyne*

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All which now Sell and have done for these several Years
last past extraordinary well, not only here in *London*, but
also *Abroad*, being in great *Esteem* and *Reputation* not on-
ly throughout both Parts of *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and
most of our *Plantations*, (great Quantities having of late
been *Exported* by *Merchants*, *Captains of Ships* and others
especially *Sea-Surgeons*) but also are very much esteem-
ed in *France*, *Holland*, *Germany*, and several other Coun-
tries and Courts of *Europe*, being continually sent for thi-
ther to the great satisfaction of those who use 'em: They
shall have room for very large Profit at the Sign of the
NECKLACE for *Children's TEETH* without Temple-
Bar, above-mentioned, for which reason the *Author*, be-
ing willing to encourage the *Exportation* of them for the
general Good of Mankind (which hitherto has incontest-
ably appeared to be so, from the many *Certificates* of their suc-
cess from several Parts, and the general Consent of all who
use 'em of both Sexes) for that End, has now Published
the *Practical Scheme* in most *European Languages*, for all
European Forreigners, *Merchants*, &c. Trading *Abroad*.

A Great many *Practitioners* in *Physick*, but especially *Sea
Surgeons*, have of late (after having made several re-
peated successful Tryals upon their *Patients* here in *Lon-
don*) had over and over again great Quantities by *Whole-
sale* of these Remedies at the Sign of the *Necklace* above-
mentioned; to carry with them to Sea, they all now find
ing it their *Interest*, and indeed *cheapest* way, to buy of
these Remedies to cure their own *Patients* with. As the
Gentlemen (the *Sea-Surgeon*) was pleased to say, who by
Dr *Chamberlen's* express Advice took along with him to
the *West-Indies* a large Quantity of them on the 26th of
November 1716. Also another *Sea-Surgeon*, own'd that out

of 23 of his *Patients* that took of the *Specifick Remedy* only one missed of his *Cure*, and that the *Person* confess'd was by his own *Mismanagement*. So that of late *Years* it has been a common *Practice* of several *Surgeons*, and *Others*, to buy of these *Remedies* to *Cure* their own *Patients* with.

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it, have not only bred and Cut their *Teeth* easily, and thrived extreamly, but have been bigger, stronger, healthier, and *Lustier* at 8 or 9 *Months* old, than others at 12 or 18 *Months*, by having (thro *Almighty God's Blessing and Assistance*) had *Fits*, *Chin-Coughs*, *Ruptures*, *Fevers*, *Convulsions*, and other such *Ailments* incident to *Children* kept off, and prevented to the unspeakable Joy of the *Parents*: So that the great success of these most excellent *Necklaces* not only prove their Efficacy much better then any *Arguments* that can be fram'd in their behalf, but also is an indisputable *Answer* to any *Objections* that can be raised against them. Insomuch that these incomparable *Necklaces*, may for their Safe, and Easy Use, excellent *Properties*, and successful *Effects*, be looked upon inferiour to few Remedies for *Children* in these dangerous and afflicting *Circumstances*, that Art of Nature can furnish afflicted *Parents*, and suffering *Children* with.---*Note. 2ly.* That this *Necklace* (which is the only one that ever *Dr. Chamberlen* recommended) is very proper not only for a *NEW YEARS GIFT*, for all God-Fathers, God-Mothers, Relations, Friends, and Acquaintance to Give to *Children* and others at *That time*: But even for a *PRESENT* for Any *Relation*, or *Acquaintance* to make to their Friends at any time of the Year.

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